

Camden Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2011

5:15 pm, Washington Street Conference Room

Present: Ray Andresen (chair), Jeff Kuller, Brian Robinson, Sharon Gilbert, Beth Ward and Ed Libby

Excused: David Olivas, Peter Brown and Martin Cates (Select Board liaison)

Molly Mulhern has resigned from the committee

Ray opened the meeting at 5:30pm

Ed motioned to accept August 10, 2011 meeting minutes as presented, Brian seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

Committee Reports

RMRA Redevelopment: Jeff reported that the fundraising committee has been working hard this summer. The contract has been signed with Steven Blatt to go forward with the design. Land use committee will be meeting on September 30.

US National Toboggan Championships®: Sharon reported that the committee has begun to meet every two weeks. The Sponsorship campaign is going well with The First being a Gold sponsor this year. Jeff reported that timing for the event is still being worked out.

Other Business:

Playground Plans: Ray reported on the playground proposal from the West Bay Rotary. Ray and Beth met with Troy Curtis, West Bay Rotary's current president. Ray explained the concerns that the P & R committee raised about the ongoing ability for Parks and Rec to take care of a new playground, especially the annual costs associated with inspection and maintenance as well as the initial set up costs. The town cannot make the financial commitment at this time. The committee talked about some other potential projects that the Rotary might be interested in.

1. Purchase a Nordic groomer for the new Nordic trail.
2. Help fund the Tannery Riverwalk project
3. Rebuild the toboggan chute stairs and landing for this year's event.
4. A new snowmobile for the winter ops at the Snow Bowl
5. Provide funds to scholarship more youth to learn to ski.

Sports Field: The field is in good shape, thanks to John Novak's assistance (high school groundskeeper). Plan to review the Field Use Policy in November.

P & R property tour: Ed suggested that the committee should plan an outing to go around to all town owned properties.

Construction Projects:

Laite Beach Seawall, Steps, Paths and Drainage: project to be finished later next week.

RMRA Stream Clearing and Ditch Drainage: Permit-by-rule was approved to clean out choked off areas in the stream, and repair ballfield and access road ditches. Not sure if we will do the project later this fall or early spring.

Bog Bridge (Route 105) Boat Ramp: The project is scheduled to start next week.

Nordic/Multi-use Trail: is scheduled to be complete next week. The soil scientist came out and signed off on the project. The trail will remain closed until there is snow on it. There will be a grand opening this winter and possibly a summer time grand opening late spring.

New Business:

Select Board Survey: Ray reported that the select board will merge a few of the committees and hope to generate more interest. P & R will join Pathways. Ray will schedule a meeting with Geoff Scott, pathways chair.

Upcoming Events:

Chairlift rides & Pancake breakfasts: Sundays beginning October 2nd – 23rd.

Ed motioned to adjourn at 6:25pm, Sharon 2nd all in favor 4-0-0.

Next Meeting: David Olivas will be chairing the meeting on Wednesday, October 12 at 5:30 pm in the WSCR.